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Blood donation opportunity scheduled for June 19

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 19 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.

Festivals Scholarship pageant fundraiser set

The Wabash County Festivals Scholarship pageant will hold their Nelson's Port-A-Pit fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the former Miller's Furniture building, 1100 N. Cass St.

'Painting through Miami Eyes' event set for June 20

Join Catherine Nagy Mowry, for a painting workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at Salamonie Lake. The class size is limited. Property entrance fees apply. This is a free event. Advance registration

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A history of problems

Carroll Street railroad crossing has been an area of concern for years

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

When Mayor Scott Long announced earlier this month he was ordering the temporary closure of the Carroll Street railroad crossing "until officials of Norfolk Southern, Paperworks and the City of Wabash can solve the continued disregard of regulatory signs," it was just the latest development in an ongoing saga involving the intersection.

An ongoing situation

Long said several semis have been stuck at the intersection, despite ample signage on either side advising semi-trucks to find another route.

"I have talked with Norfolk Southern about installing a 'Crash Beam' on both sides of the Carroll Street crossing at a height that wouldn't allow semi tractor-trailers to traverse the crossing. This has to be sent up the corporate chain for approval. These beams would allow standard vehicular traffic to use the crossing and prevent tractor-trailers from using it, damaging the trailer if attempted. Low clearance signage would be installed also," said Long.

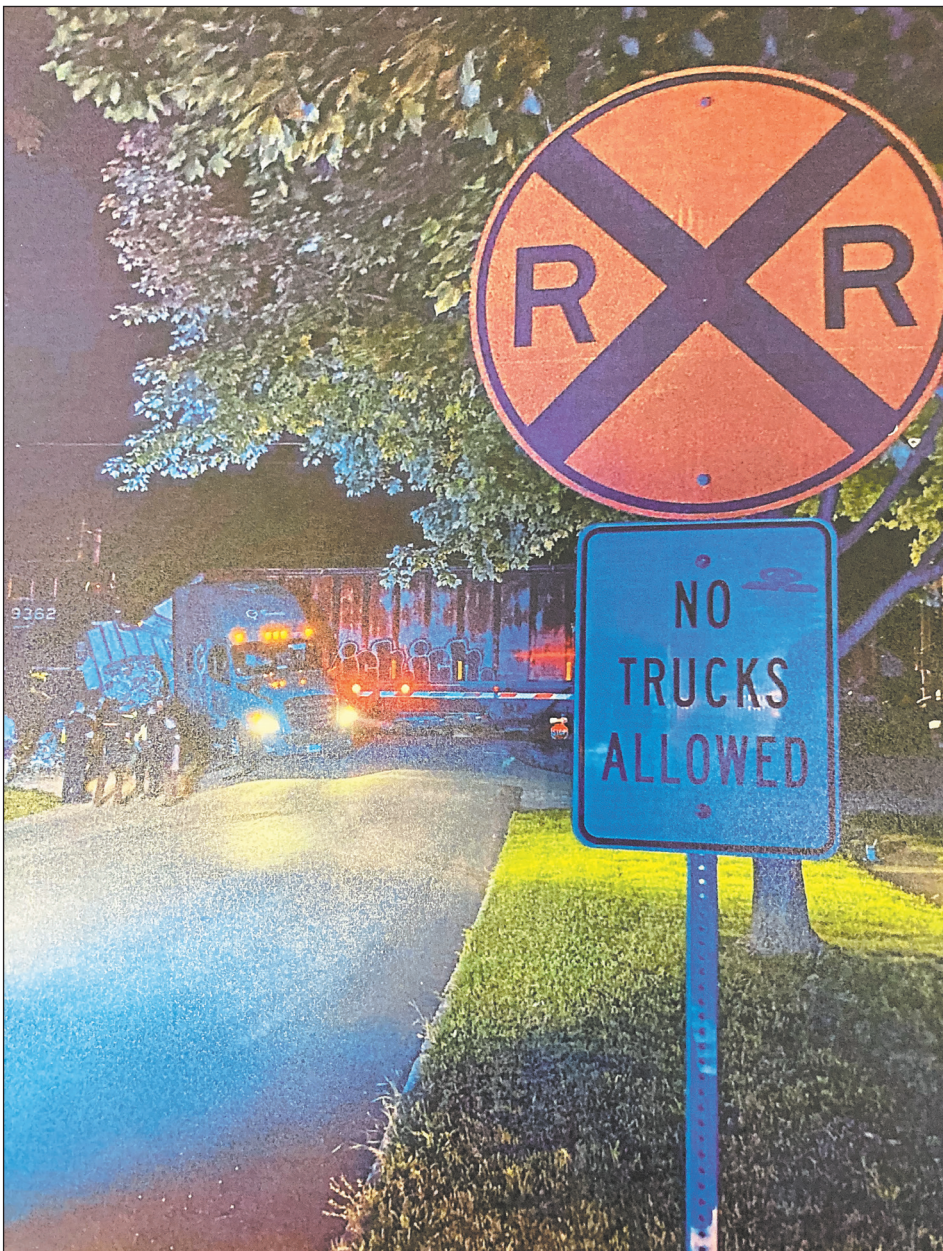
Long said this crossing has seen numerous accidents over the years due to the "high hump" at the crossing.

The last straws

Capt. Matt Benson, Wabash Police Department (WPD) public information officer, said over the years, "we have had many tractor-trailers get stuck on those tracks."

The final incidents which caused Long's closure of the intersection began the evening of Thursday, June 4.

At approximately 11:10 p.m. that day, the WPD responded to a crash between a train and a semi-truck at the Carroll Street railroad crossing.



Provided photo

At approximately 11:10 p.m. Thursday, June 4, the WPD responded to a crash between a train and a semi-truck at the Carroll Street railroad crossing.



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Mayor Scott Long announced earlier this month he was ordering the temporary closure of the Carroll Street railroad crossing.

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ISDH adds another local positive COVID-19 case; total now 89

The state still reports two local deaths, and now reports 1,375 tests

Staff REPORT

On Thursday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) added another local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County's total to 89.

The state still reports two local deaths, and now reports 1,375 tests.

Statewide on Thursday, the ISDH announced that

584 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 41,438 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

Intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Thursday, nearly 37 percent of ICU

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IUPUI, ISDH release findings from second phase of COVID-19 testing

Fewer active infections, greater number of people testing positive for antibodies

Staff REPORT

Results from the second phase of a scientific study of statewide random testing aimed at measuring the spread of the novel coronavirus in Indiana show fewer active infections and a greater number of people testing positive for antibodies, according to a press release.

In its second phase, the study — a collaboration

between the Indiana State Department of Health and the Fairbanks School of Public Health — tested more than 3,600 Hoosiers between June 3 and June 8 for viral infections and antibodies of SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 disease. This number includes more than 2,700 people who were randomly selected

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Harris selected as national Democratic delegate

County party chair also running for State Representative District 18 seat

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At the 2020 Indiana Democratic Party Convention on Wednesday, Chad Harris, Wabash County Democratic Party chair, was chosen to represent the Second Congressional District's Democrats from Aug. 17 to 21 at the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee.

Harris won one of the five slots in the Second Congressional District's delegation to be a delegate for presumptive nominee Vice President Joseph Biden.

"I am proud and honored to be able to represent the Democratic voters at the National Convention this summer," said Harris.



HARRIS

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VFW to hold fish fry

Limited seating will be available due to state guidelines

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 286 will hold its fish fry, with some restrictions, from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 19 at 1078 W. Old 24, said Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand-battered fish, baked beans, coleslaw and hush puppies.

The cost is \$8 per person and is all-you-can-eat dine-in, though carry-out is available.

Ford said there will be limited seating per Gov. Eric Holcomb's guidelines.

"We will be observing capacity restrictions during governor's guidelines," stated Ford. "No seating at the bar."

Last month's dinner was the VFW Post 286's first such event since the COVID-19 pandemic reached the state. On March 19, the post was closed due to COVID-19 concerns. The original re-opening date was set for April 1, but was moved back even further on March 26.

For more information, call 260-563-2463.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



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PULSE

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Wabash County Museum reveals re-opening plans

The Wabash County Museum plans to re-open the majority of its facility to the public Tuesday, June 23 with modified hours. The new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 36 E. Market St. The education center located on the second floor of the museum will remain closed with a targeted opening date in early July.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 24

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 24 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne's best country bands. They have opened for sold-out concerts for Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

'Hope House Under the Stars' fundraiser planned for June 28

To raise proceeds for a Hope House, a fundraiser called "Hope House Under the Stars," will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, June 28 at the 13-24 Drive-In Theater, 890 N. Indiana 13. The event is free to the community and anyone interested in learning more about Hope House is encouraged to attend. The "Lego Batman" movie will be showing and children are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero. Gates open at 8 p.m. and the movie will begin at approximately 9:35 p.m. Raffle winners will be announced before the movie. A fund at the Community Foundation has been established to receive contributions. All free-will donations will be directed to the Hope House Fund and will be used to sponsor rooms, pay salaries, and provide meals and recovery-related programming for women living in the home. The Community Foundation of Wabash County will be processing donations and administering the Hope House Fund. All donations are tax-deductible. To donate, visit www.cfwabash.org or mail a check to the Community Foundation located at 105 W. Second St., North Manchester, with Hope House in the memo line. For more information, visit www.hopehousemarion.org.

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 8

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

30th Annual Wabash Co. Festivals Scholarship Pageant to be held July 24

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked "Scholarship Pageant." The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountysfestivals or contact any of the directors.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will

return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event's Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club's president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event's chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaber@msdwc.k12.in.us.

Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" through Sunday, Aug. 16. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. For more information, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams.

'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily serving breakfast and lunch, except for Friday, when it is closed.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

CASE

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beds and nearly 82 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 2,304 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 15 over the previous day. Another 187 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on

record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 384,722 tests have been reported to ISDH. That total includes 10,701 new tests reported since Wednesday and 2,936 historical negative results from a lab that was recently connected to ISDH's electronic reporting system. All positive results from this lab had already been captured and

body positivity improved in Phase 2, researchers continued to see disparities among minority communities. These groups still show evidence of being harder hit with coronavirus infections, Menachemi said.

For non-whites, the active infection rate in Phase 2 was 1.4 percent – lower than the 3.4 percent observed in Phase 1 – and antibody positivity rates were 5.6 percent, which was greater than the 1.6 percent found in the first phase.

The estimated statewide rate among Hispanics showed a decrease in active infections from 6.9 percent in Phase 1 to 2.6 percent in Phase 2. Antibody positivity rates among Hispanics increased from 1.5 percent in Phase 1 to 8.5 percent in

reported.

Any Hoosier seeking COVID-testing can obtain it through one of the state-sponsored Optum-Serve sites, regardless of whether they are at high risk or have symptoms. To find testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. More than 200 locations are available around the state.

Phase 2.

Across Indiana's 10 Public Health Preparedness Districts, results followed a similar pattern, with decreases in active infection rates and increases in antibody positivity rates.

Based on Phase 2 data, the researchers estimated that 43 percent of all Indiana residents who are currently infected with SARS-CoV-2 show no symptoms. This rate is similar to the almost 45 percent who tested positive for active viral infection and reported no symptoms at all in the first phase of testing.

The next phases of testing are planned for fall 2020 and April 2021.

For more information about COVID-19 or to find a testing site, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov.

5-Day Weather Summary

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Sunny	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms
92 / 69	90 / 72	87 / 69	85 / 71	83 / 66

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:22 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:16 a.m.

New 6/21	First 6/28	Full 7/5	Last 7/12

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 92°, humidity of 33%. Southwest wind 1 to 5 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 69°. South southwest wind 5 mph. Saturday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 45% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 90°, humidity of 38%.

Prediabetes diagnosis should offer wake-up call

DEAR DOCTOR: After my last physical, my doctor said my lab tests show I've got prediabetes. What does that mean? Do I or don't I have diabetes?

DEAR READER: A diagnosis of prediabetes means that your blood sugar levels are elevated beyond the normal range, but are not yet high enough to be considered Type 2 diabetes. And the key word here is "yet." Prediabetes is a clear warning sign by the body that, without certain lifestyle changes, you run the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

Sometimes also referred to as adult-onset diabetes, Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which the body loses the ability to respond to insulin, a hormone produced by the pancreas. Insulin's job is to move glucose from the blood into the cells, where it is used for energy. When someone has diabetes, it means that glucose builds up in the blood. A high level of blood glucose causes a range of damage over time, including decreased immune function and harm to the nerves, eyes, heart and kidneys. In fact, diabetes is a leading cause of kidney failure that leads to dialysis or even the need for a transplant. It is also linked to atherosclerosis, sometimes referred to as hardening of the arteries, which raises the risk of heart disease, heart attack and stroke. Although the reasons why some people develop prediabetes and Type 2 diabetes while others do not are unclear, evidence suggests that genetics and family history play a role. The conditions appear more often in overweight individuals who carry excess fat around the abdomen, and in those who are sedentary.

For most people, the shift from normal insulin function to Type 2 diabetes is gradual. With a diagnosis of prediabetes, you've now reached the in-between stage. The insulin your body produces is still doing its job, but not

well enough. Although it's sending some of the glucose gleaned from digestion on to the cells, it's leaving too much behind in the blood. Not everyone has physical symptoms of prediabetes. Those who do may experience persistent thirst, frequent urination, unexplained fatigue, blurred vision and increased hunger. Anyone who notices the onset of these symptoms should see their health care provider.

The good news is that with this advanced warning, you have time to make changes that can reduce the chances of your condition progressing to a Type 2 diabetes diagnosis. Start by adjusting your diet. Skip the added sugars and simple carbs and focus on lean proteins, fresh vegetables, leafy greens, grains, legumes and fresh fruit. Choose healthful fats,

and limit their use. Being active is important to all areas of good health. Adults are urged to get at least two to three hours of moderate exercise per week. And remember, excess weight is linked to diabetes risk, so it's important to reach and maintain a healthful weight. If you haven't done so already, follow up with your doctor to make a plan to mitigate your diabetes risk and to continue to monitor your condition.

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08-11-16-23-31
Estimated jackpot: \$195,000
Cash4Life
10-28-51-54-57, Cash Ball: 4
Lotto Plus
02-04-16-33-38-43
Daily Three-Midday
0-4-5, SB: 6
Daily Three-Evening
0-6-6, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
9-6-2-0, SB: 6
Daily Four-Evening
5-7-2-1, SB: 2
Hoosier Lotto
02-04-23-41-42-44
Estimated jackpot: \$2.8 million
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$26 million
Powerball
07-10-63-64-68, Powerball: 10,
Power Play: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$22 million

THURSDAY'S METALS

Aluminum .71
Copper 2.61
Lead .80
Zinc .91
Gold 1,722.55
Silver 17.46
Platinum 810.13

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Evelyn Mullett Niswander

Evelyn Mullett Niswander, 102, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away June 15, 2020 at Timbercrest Health-care Center, North Manchester.

The loving memory of Evelyn Mullett Niswander will be forever cherished by her sons, Ray Niswander Jr., Worthington, Ohio and Mark Niswander, Mahomet, Illinois; daughters, Sue (Clif-

ford) Myers, Hershey, Pennsylvania and Jan (Phillip Wilt, Romeoville, Illinois; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, J. Lorrel Mullett; and sister, Anna Ruth Balmer.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Esther Ruth Wagner

Funeral Services for Esther Ruth Wagner, 84, of rural North Manchester, Indiana, were 10:00 am, Thursday, June 18, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Rev. Larry Wade officiated and Janene Dawes was the musician.

CROSSING

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Benson said WPD investigated the crash and allege that Rite R. Lett, 64, Olympia, Washington, was driving a 2019 Freightliner semi with trailer.

“WPD officers report that the semi got stuck on the high hump at the Carroll Street railroad crossing. A Westbound Norfolk Southern train collided with the semi-trailer that was stuck on the tracks. The railroad tracks were out of service for several hours and clean-up of debris went through the night and into the morning of Friday, June 5. During this crash, there were no injuries.”

WPD officers were assisted by the Wabash County Sheriff’s Department, Wabash City Fire Department, Norfolk Southern Police, H&K Wrecker Service, Wendt & Sons and employees from Paperworks.

But, just over 12 hours after that crash, trouble found its way to this crossing again.

Benson said at approximately 11:45 a.m. Friday, June 5, WPD officers responded to another semi-tractor-trailer stuck on the railroad crossing at Carroll Street.

“Norfolk Southern was immediately contacted and the train was stopped. There are signs posted at this crossing that no trucks are allowed,” said Benson.

Benson said this was far from the first train crash they’ve had there.

“We help tractor-trailers daily get through the city even when there is no construction. The construction is causing most commercial drivers problems due to navigating themselves through the city. There have been signage for years and some drivers do not see it or do not pay attention to it,” said Benson.

Neighbor complaints

Erin Sapusek lives right next to the Carroll Street railroad crossing.

Sapusek said the intersection is a source of irritation because often semis loaded and unloaded will attempt to cross the railroad crossing despite the posted signs.

“And when they do sometimes they’ll make it. It’s like half and half,” she said. “If they’re not loaded, if they’re not filled with weight, then they will be able to gun it over. But, if they’re carrying anything they try to gun it over and then they’ll get stuck.”

Sapusek said what usually happens is that truckers that will come up to the crossing, see the sign, stop and then back out.

“Which is even more irritating because then sometimes

people don’t know what people are doing at this stop sign intersection and they will then not give the semi driver the courtesy of waiting so that they can back out and so sometimes the police have to come just to direct traffic. So, the semi-truck driver who is trying to do the right thing can’t because people won’t let him back up. Plus, it’s a tight turn for a semi,” she said. “I think the reason they do it is that we’re just one block over and they’re trying to take the shortest detour through town. It’s not been well marked through the construction. I think they need another sign a little earlier so they can turn.”

Sapusek said her children are all too familiar with this scenario.

“My children all know when they hear a semi, they’re all like, ‘No,’ because they all know what’s going to happen. And they get scared because of what happened the other night. They worry that’s what’s going to happen,” she said.

Sapusek said when the most recent accident happened at the crossing it wasn’t any louder than when the cars on the train shift. She said what was different was the horn.

“Normally it’s three short blasts before the intersection or any crossing. And this was a sold, he must have laid on it from the courthouse. That’s how we knew something was up. And then we looked out and the driver had jumped out and was over by our garage and was heading back and he was on the phone. It’s hard because you don’t want to say it’s the trucker’s fault, but it is, but it’s not solely their problem. I don’t fault them entirely for it, I just worry for their safety,” she said.

Sapusek said in addition to the problems with semis, regular cars will often try to jump the tracks given the steep grade.

“I have little kids and if their ball goes across the road, it could be clear when they run and then here comes somebody we can’t see. So, we’ve had to teach them to go to the top to cross,” she said.

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DELEGATE

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In December 2019, Harris announced his candidacy for the delegate position.

Indiana will send 108 individuals to the 2020 DNC: 55 district-level delegates, 18 at-large delegates, nine party leaders and elected officials (PLEO) delegates, seven automatic delegates. Also, the Indiana Democratic Party will send six at-large alternate delegates, nine standing committee members, three pages

“I am proud and honored to be able to represent the Democratic voters at the National Convention this summer”

CHAD HARRIS

and one delegation chair.

Harris has been involved in many local, and state campaigns since 1999. Harris has been a state delegate to the 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 state conventions.

In 2013, Harris was chosen to be a member of the Indiana Democratic Party’s Emerg-

ing Leaders Project. He was one of only 40 people under 40 selected for the year-long training program.

In 2014, Harris ran unsuccessfully for Wabash County Council Second District seat.

Harris has been chairman of the Wabash County Democratic Party since

February 2016.

Also, during the primary election earlier this month, Republican Craig Snow defeated Russell (Russ) Reahard for their party’s nomination to succeed State Representative District 18’s retiring Rep. David Wolkins, R-Warsaw. Snow’s opponent in the November general election will be Harris, who ran for the Democratic Party’s nomination unopposed.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

It's not enough to apologize to Colin Kaepernick. The NFL needs to give him a job

National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell may have just been trying to score PR points with players and the public this month when he tweeted out a statement condemning systemic racism, acknowledging that there would be no NFL without Black players and encouraging players to "speak out and peacefully protest."

But if Goodell wants to be taken seriously when he says that the league is listening to players, that it acknowledges the struggles of Black Americans and that it wants to "improve and go forward," the place to start is by ensuring Colin Kaepernick has a job again as an NFL quarterback.

We can spend hours dissecting Kaepernick's abilities as a player, but comparing him to the dozens of other quarterbacks who've played

in the three years he's been sidelined – some of them stars, many of them hacks – is beside the point. He didn't get a tryout with a single team, and that's not because of his skills or his salary; as various NFL insiders and analysts have acknowledged, he was frozen out because he had the audacity during the 2016 season to "take a knee" while the national anthem was playing.

Kaepernick's protests, which were intended to draw attention to police brutality and discrimination against Black people, inspired many of his fellow players, but they also riled fans, triggered President Trump and pushed controversy into the face of owners who run from it.

Goodell has promised an end to such cowardice, but his tweet is meaningless unless the league welcomes back the guy brave enough to put

his career on the line for his beliefs.

The NFL may think it resolved its Kaepernick problem when it reached confidential settlements in 2019 to the collusion lawsuits he and former 49ers safety Eric Reid brought against the league. And ultimately, whether Kaepernick is signed will be up to one of the 32 teams that has refused even to bring him in for a workout. But Goodell's credibility, and the league's, is on the line here (which Goodell seems to recognize; on Monday, he told ESPN that he would welcome a team signing Kaepernick, and "I encourage them to do that"). If the NFL wants the world to believe that it respects its players' voices and their protests, it needs Kaepernick back in uniform.

This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.



Biden, China and cheerfulness

Dwight Eisenhower's cultured despisers, whose number was less impressive than the number of electoral votes Eisenhower reaped (899 of a possible 1,062), complained that his grin was his political philosophy. Ronald Reagan, who remained a Democrat for 10 years after he cast his first Republican presidential vote, for Eisenhower in 1952 (Reagan later won 1,014 of a possible 1,076 electoral votes), was disparaged for being a human sunrise, unreasonably cheerful about this fallen world.

Eisenhower and Reagan, however, like Franklin Roosevelt, knew something that, now more than ever, is germane to governing Americans: A sunny presidential disposition can be consequential. Optimism can be infectious; optimistic people stay in school, get married, have children, make investments and generally embrace the future. Joe Biden thus needs a narrative that refutes today's political angst, which includes unreasonable forebodings about China's supposedly ineluctable rise.

Decades of growth have propelled China's rise from an almost entirely peasant society, to one that still has an enormous peasantry. This growth, which was more rapid than can be continued, pulled China's per capita GDP to \$9,770, 72nd in the world, slightly better than Mexico's, still behind Russia's, one-fourth that of neighboring Japan and one-third that of South Korea, and 15 percent of the United States' \$62,887. The bitter fruit of China's "one-child policy," from 1980 until 2016, is an aging population that will become gray before it becomes rich. Last year China's birthrate fell to 1.05 percent, a record low (the U.S. rate is 1.73 percent) and China is projected to be among 55 nations with fewer people in 2050 than today. By 2030 Chinese

George Will



by 2040, when there will be barely two workers to support every retiree.

In a March review for the Financial Times of two books on China's economy, Geoff Dyer, the paper's former Beijing bureau chief, noted that China cannot become "the first authoritarian regime to enter the exclusive club of high-income countries" unless it avoids "the 'middle-income trap,' where it can no longer compete on cheap manufacturing but does not yet have the skills or technology to sustain more advanced industries."

Then there are socialism's inevitable irrationalities: State-owned banks favoring state-owned industries is one reason China's debt burden is more than triple the size of China's GDP. Writing in Foreign Affairs ("China's Coming Upheaval"), Minxin Pei of Claremont McKenna College says inefficient state-owned enterprises "control nearly \$30 trillion in assets and consume roughly 80 percent of the country's available bank credit, but they contribute only between 23 percent and 28 percent of GDP." Posters in glistening, modern Shanghai depict rays of light flowing from Xi's head, but he urges followers to fill their heads with the pre-modern musings of Stalin, Lenin and Mao, a recipe for economic sclerosis.

The U.S. trajectory is different. Also writing in Foreign Affairs ("The Comeback Nation: U.S. Economic Supremacy Has Repeatedly Proved Declin-

ists Wrong"), Morgan Stanley's Ruchir Sharma notes that beginning in 2010, after the weakest decade of U.S. growth since World War II, the nation had a full decade without a recession for the first time since at least 1850, when record-keeping began, and the U.S. share of global GDP expanded from 23 percent to 25 percent, back to where it was in 1980, before China's ascent began.

In the 2010s, the U.S. stock market rose 250 percent, almost quadruple the average gains of other national stock markets. (China's rose 70 percent.) "By 2019," Sharma writes, "the United States accounted for 56 percent of global stock market capitalization, up from 42 percent in 2010. The value of the U.S. stock market, relative to all others, was at a 100-year high." Today, "seven of the world's 10 largest companies by total stock market value are American, up from three in 2010." Globally, 75 percent of loans to individuals and companies are denominated in dollars, up from 60 percent before the 2008 crisis.

Although technology investments, partly the result of a culture of innovation fueled by great research universities, have been crucial, Sharma says, "the more important U.S. advantage has been a relatively high population growth rate: babies and immigrants, not Stanford and Google." Sharma adds: "The most important driver of any economy is the working-age population, which is still growing in the United States but started shrinking in China five years ago."

Donald Trump says a Biden presidency would mean "China will own the United States." Trump's reelection would entrench his misunderstanding of both nations.

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Alternative paths to the middle class

By MARYANN KEATING

The first lesson to be learned in economics is that there is no such thing as a free lunch. Those who have internalized this lesson cringe on hearing press reports about "free" school meals, haircuts, backpacks, tuition, diapers, etc. Someone is either donating voluntarily or being taxed to pay for these items. Then, the student of economics has to ask him or herself, "Have I developed into an insufficiently empathetic person?"

Many of us recall distressful times when perhaps our families needed an extension on property taxes or rent. We may have become eligible for food stamps, public assistance, or needed to apply for utility assistance. Worst of all, we will never forget the shame experienced in having to swallow our pride and ask Aunt March for a few hundred dollars.

Fortunately, for at least 95 percent of Americans, illness, family disruption, job loss, recessions and pandemics were temporary events and did not represent a life pattern. The question we ask ourselves in these times is, "What happens when individuals working at jobs posted at the low end of the pay scale are unable to advance to earning a respectable mid-level standard of living over the course of their careers?"

The roughly 20 million jobs lost in the aftermath of the coronavirus have amplified the economic gap between college graduates and other workers. Workers with the least education were usually the first to be let go and typically the last to be rehired. The Census Bureau reports that 51 percent of high school graduates had lost work income because of the outbreak. That is compared with only 39 percent of college graduates. Advanced education has become increasingly vital to household prosperity; yet, nearly two-thirds of Americans do not hold a college degree (Josh Boak, "Pandemic Shows the Value of a Degree," South Bend Tribune, June 2, 2020, A8).

Income gaps result when a significant percentage of the population lack technical skills or experience. Hence, they cannot command the income necessary in maintaining the lifestyle which most Americans enjoy.

It is difficult to determine if college graduates earn more either due to subjects mastered or to the discipline of having had to jump through the hoops required by 40 different academic instructors. For whatever reason, firms presently prefer college graduates who are screened and trained at someone else's expense.

But what about 18-22 year olds who choose at this point in their lives not to take an academic route? The solution is not to award more college degrees, or subsidize those who have little inclination to attend college. In fact, college graduates are finding that, since the pandemic struck, fewer postings require a college degree. The general solution is to find ways for young people, with or without a college degree, to develop the entry level skills enabling them ultimately to support themselves and their families well.

The process through which an individual young person discerns his or her vocation remains a mystery, filled with twists, turns and many surprises. Yet, parents have a vested interest in always being on the lookout for institutions, programs, and persons that can provide suitable training for a particular child. In the coming decade, this may involve a traditional college curriculum or it might alternatively involve attaining certification in a particular field.

For example, proficiency in coding can be demonstrated with a certification leading to well paid positions in technology. Training in cross-country trucking is widely advertised. Here, in Indiana, one- and two-year programs in financial services, hospitality, health related fields and security services are available.

Firms often excel in providing experience and training; however, they need to anticipate financial loss when employees jump ship to be rehired by competitors. However, businesses, if legally permitted, might be willing to offer apprenticeships to selected persons willing to accept below market wages initially and knowing that they could be dismissed for failing to meet expectations.

Colleges cannot guarantee success in fulfilling middle-income aspirations; they can at best offer a sound curriculum pointing students in a certain direction. And in colleges, as in any occupational program, there is misinformation, fraud and obsolescence.

Schools serious about training students in the trades, business, analytics, engineering, law and medicine quickly realize how expensive it is to hire competent instructors willing to share their skills in return for an academic salary. The story goes that a certain master plumber would send apprentices out to fetch tools at "odd" times rather than reveal his hard-earned trade secrets. Even well intentioned tutors find it arduous to work with reluctant trainees when they could earn more practicing themselves.

However, if a society is serious about addressing the income gap between affluence and persistent poverty, it must be successful in transmitting marketable skills to the next generation through whatever means possible. This requires that young people choose to put their shoulder to the wheel either in college, in gaining certifications, or in on-the-job training.

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HISTORY

Today is Friday, June 19, the 171st day of 2020. There are 195 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On June 19, 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the U.S. Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

On this date:

In 1775, George Washington was commissioned by the Continental Congress as commander in chief of the Continental Army.

In 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free – an event celebrated to this day as "Juneteenth."

In 1938, four dozen people were killed when a railroad bridge in Montana collapsed, sending a train known as the Olympian hurtling into Custer Creek.

Today's Birthdays: Pop singer Tommy DeVito is 92. Musician Larry Dunn is 67. Actress Kathleen Turner is 66. Actress Mia Sara is 53. TV personality Lara Spencer is 51. Actress Robin Tunney is 48. Actress Poppy Montgomery is 45. Actress Zoe Saldana is 42. Former NBA star Dirk Nowitzki is 42. Actor Neil Brown Jr. is 40. Rapper Macklemore is 38.

Adult stepson’s presence creates tension in home

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married five months. Her 40-year-old son lives in our basement. He has a job, but I have no idea if he pays rent. If he doesn’t, it really doesn’t bother me.

What does bother me is that at his age, he should be out on his own by now. He’s trying to pay off school loans, which I understand. However, he is the one who incurred these bills. All he had to do was finish his dissertation and he would have had his doctorate. Instead, he quit school and doesn’t plan on going back.

My wife doesn’t think she’s an enabler, but I disagree. It’s getting very hard for me to put up with this situation. — Upset In Colorado

DEAR UPSET: Much depends upon the reason your wife’s son quit school instead of getting that doctorate. I wish you had mentioned whether he has been living in his mother’s house since childhood, or if this is something relatively recent. He may have emotional or mental health issues that need addressing.

Because this is creating friction in your marriage, it may be something you and your wife should talk through with the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I am 30 years old and single. I met this guy while I was working downtown three or four months ago. He is almost twice my age. At first I didn’t think of him as more than just a customer, but he’s very attractive for his age.

One day last month he told me he had lost his phone during my shift, so I asked him to give me his number so I could call him in case somebody found his phone, which I did. Later that night he called me asking, “Who is this?” so I told him who I was. We have been talking ever since and I have been spending every weekend at his house.

I’m starting to think I can see a future with this guy because I feel butterflies in my stomach. I like how things are between us. I care about him and maybe want more one day. What should I do? — Liking An Older Man

DEAR LIKING: What you should do is continue exploring a relationship and find out if he feels the same way you do. But the two of you should take things slowly and discuss the age difference before making any commitments. Although his age isn’t necessarily a deal-breaker, it is significant.

DEAR ABBY: Am I hoping for too much with my husband of 40-plus years? In the evening, we (or I) watch TV, and he’s very agreeable to “watch” anything — mostly because he hardly watches at all. He’s playing games on his iPad and glancing at the TV. He’ll ask questions occasionally about the characters or the plotlines, but it’s obvious he’s not following. For some reason, I find it disappointing that he’s not really watching, even if it’s something he’s shown an interest in or selected. Should I just be grateful he’s in the same room with me and alive? — Feeling Solo In California

DEAR FEELING SOLO: Focusing on gratitude that you are together doing things you both enjoy is healthy. If you don’t care for the program he isn’t watching, feel free to change the channel to something you prefer. However, the two of you should make a point of doing something together in which you are both fully engaged because if you do, it will bring you even closer to each other.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer here:

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Jumbles: ELDER ELOPE POLICE UNSOLD

Answer: The android learned to fish by surrounding himself with — "REEL" PEOPLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Sold for \$1.8 million! Wow! They were only valued around \$9,000.

This is incredible.

I've never seen anything like this.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Shouldn’t we give the birds HOT water for their bath?”

Bil and Jeff KEANE

BEETLE BAILEY

I'M GOING TO TELL SARGE HE'S NUTS!

YOU'VE GOT GUTS, BEETLE!

HEY, SARGE! YOU'RE NUTS!!

BLONDIE

SOME CELEBRITY I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IS MAKING AN APOLOGY FOR BEING RUDE TO A FAN

APPARENTLY NO ONE EVEN NOTICED THE INCIDENT

SO HER MANAGER ARRANGED A PRESS CONFERENCE TO GET THE WORD OUT

HI & LOIS

CHIP'S BEEN IN BED ALL DAY.

IT'S HIS FIRST DAY OF SUMMER VACATION.

WHEN ARE YOU GETTING UP?

HENDRIX

AFTER I'VE SAVORED THIS A FEW MORE DAYS

BC

ELEGANT POISE, SLEEK DESIGN, SMOOTH, ARTICULATED LINES...

NO DOUBT WHICH SPECIES WILL BE AROUND IN A MILLION YEARS.

WIZARD OF ID

MIGHT AS WELL HAVE A LITTLE FUN HERE

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DILBERT

UGH. DILBERT IS ON THE PROJECT TEAM? THAT GUY DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SAFETY.

JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, WHAT EVIDENCE OF THAT EXTREMELY WEIRD ALLEGATION HAVE YOU SEEN?

WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU EXIST? SEE? ANYONE CAN DO THAT.

GARFIELD

THIS IS MY BEST BIRTHDAY EVER!

OF COURSE, I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL THE OTHER ONES

FORT KNOX

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU??

I MADE FUN OF BETTY'S HAIRCUT.

AND SHE BEAT YOU UP??

NO, KURT PIZ

THEN I'M CALLING HIS MOTHER.

TO PUNISH HIM?

TO THANK HIM.

BUH BUH BYE

PICKLES

HEH, HEH, HEH!

WHAT ARE YOU CHUCKLING ABOUT?

OH, NOTHING.

JUST REMEMBERING SOMETHING FUNNY THAT HAPPENED A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO WHEN YOU WEREN'T HERE.

WELL, STOP IT. YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE YOU HAVING FUN WITHOUT ME.

My Answer: Prayer one privilege of child of God

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: It's been said that prayer is one of the most important things we can do. If God knows everything, why do people need to tell Him of their concerns and wishes? — P.D.

A: Prayer is one of the privileges of the child of God, made possible because Jesus Christ has opened up the way to our Father. This brings His people into fellowship with Him.

God loves us and does not want us to be anxious about anything, but faithfully pray about everything with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6). The Bible also says to persist in prayer and to pray about everything. God does not always answer the way we think He should, or when we think He should. We

should be grateful for this — He knows far better than we do what is best! But, the Bible tells us to always keep on praying (1 Thessalonians 5:17), not for wishes, but to thank Him for His constant care and for providing for our needs.

Jesus told a parable about a persistent widow who constantly begged a judge to act on her case, which he eventually did (Luke 18:1-8). One reason Jesus told this parable was to encourage us to pray frequently.

We cannot change God's mind about something which

He has already answered. In other words, God will answer a prayer sometimes with a “no” rather than a “yes”, and sometimes with a “wait”. Are we willing to accept His will? Always pray according to God's will.

Heaven is full of answers to prayer for which no one ever bothered to ask. Prayers have no boundaries. They can leap miles and continents and be translated instantly into any language. Learn to enter into this wonderful relationship with Jesus Christ by first submitting to Him and receiving His salvation.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“SB . . . KMLB M XBYECOYPRPVPAH
AC LCVTOABBX YCGBSKBXB . . . AKBO
RB MEMXA CW PA PO KCEBWTVVH
MO PGEMUAWTV SMH.” — DBOOPWBX
FMXOBX

Previous Solution: “Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.” — Mother Teresa
TODAY'S CLUE: 3 5 16 2 11

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Asbury Country Church

At the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 21 at Asbury Country Church, the worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick, piano will be by Roger Marine and the morning message, "Two Times Told," will be by Pastor Mike Bullick. Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone's sermons are posted (with hand-outs) on both Facebook and YouTube under "College Corner Brethren Church."

Dora Christian Church

If you can't make it to services, the sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at facebook.com/wabashfirstumc.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Online services only at www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile (peace poll in front of the white flowering bush).

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed

by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

St. Bernard Catholic Church

Masses have resumed with safety restrictions. Parishioners 65 and older are urged to stay home, and those attending are asked to observe 6-foot safety distance and all must wear a face mask. Masses are set for 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook Page.

Sweetwater

Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urban-ayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The

meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church

Streaming both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann's Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Study ties blood type to COVID-19 risk; O may help, A hurt

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
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A genetic analysis of COVID-19 patients suggests that blood type might influence whether someone develops severe disease.

Scientists who compared the genes of thousands of patients in Europe found that those who had Type A blood were more likely to have severe disease while those with Type O were less likely.

Wednesday's report in the New England Journal of Medicine does not prove a blood type connection, but it does confirm a previous report from China of such a link.

"Most of us discounted it because it was a very crude study," Dr. Parameswaran Hari, a blood specialist at the Medical College of Wisconsin, said of the report from China. With the new work, "now I believe it," he said. "It could be very important."

Other scientists urged caution. The evidence of a role for blood type is "tentative ... it isn't enough of a signal to be sure," said Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute in San Diego.

The study, involving scientists in Italy, Spain, Denmark, Germany and other countries, compared about 2,000 patients with severe COVID-19 to several thousand other people who were healthy or who had only mild or no symptoms. Researchers tied variations in six genes to the likelihood of severe disease, including some that could have a role in how vulnerable people are to the virus. They also tied blood groups to possible risk.

Most genetic studies like this are much larger, so it would be important to see if other scientists can look at other groups of patients to see if they find the same links, Topol said.

Many researchers have been hunting for clues as to why some people infected with the coronavirus get very ill and others, less so. Being older or male seems to increase risk, and scientists have been looking at genes as another possible "host factor" that influences disease severity.

There are four main blood types – A, B, AB and O – and "it's determined by proteins on the surface of your red blood cells," said Dr. Mary Horowitz, scientific chief at the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research.

People with Type O are better able to recognize certain proteins as foreign, and that may extend to proteins on virus surfaces, Hari explained.

During the SARS outbreak, which was caused by a genetic cousin of the coronavirus causing the current pandemic, "it was noted that people with O blood type were less likely to get severe disease," he said.

Blood type also has been tied to susceptibility to some other infectious diseases, including cholera, recurrent urinary tract infections from E. coli, and a bug called H. pylori that can cause ulcers and stomach cancer, said Dr. David Valle, director of the Institute of Genetic Medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

Bottom line: "It's a provocative study. It's in my view well worth publishing and getting out there," but it needs verification in more patients, Valle said.



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Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Parishioners 65 and older are urged to stay home, and those attending are asked to observe 6' safety distance and all must wear a face masks. Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. No Services at Church. Live broadcast Sunday Morning at 8:30am 95.9 KISS FM

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

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Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church, Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13, Wabash. Traditional Worship, 8:30am. Contemporary Worship, 10:45am. Sunday School, 9:30am. Currently only doing virtual services on Sunday morning at 10am until June 14th. Join us at https://www.facebook.com/wabashfriendschurch/

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tlyer, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am. ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

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Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. www.LivingFaithWabash.org ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

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UNITED METHODIST

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North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages. "NO SERVICES UNTIL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED"

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